

The President's Daily Brief

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DAILY BRIEF
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1. South Vietnam

Presidential runner-up Dzu may get himself arrested if he continues to harass the government. The Saigon police chief, miffed by Dzu's unauthorized (and hence illegal) press conference on Thursday, has said that, unless instructed otherwise by higher authority, he will arrest Dzu if he attempts any other illegal moves.

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2. Communist China

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4. Japan

Public opinion is getting farther and farther out in front of Prime Minister Sato on the Okinawa issue. Fanned by the opposition parties and the press, the pressures for a quick reversion of the islands to Japan are becoming so strong that Sato may have trouble holding the line.

Sato is a tough customer, however. At last word, he was still expecting to come up with a formula that would be acceptable to the public without destroying the usefulness of the bases to the US.

5. Middle East

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6. Chile

President Frei has growing problems on the home front

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He has even lost control of his own Christian Democratic Party to a radical faction which is taking the same line as Chile's strong Marxist political alliance.

Last week, responding to pressures for more forceful leadership, Frei cracked down hard on leaders of a noisy but almost impotent rightist party.

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Yet, unless he does something to stop the present drift, the extremists could before long become the dominant political force in the country.

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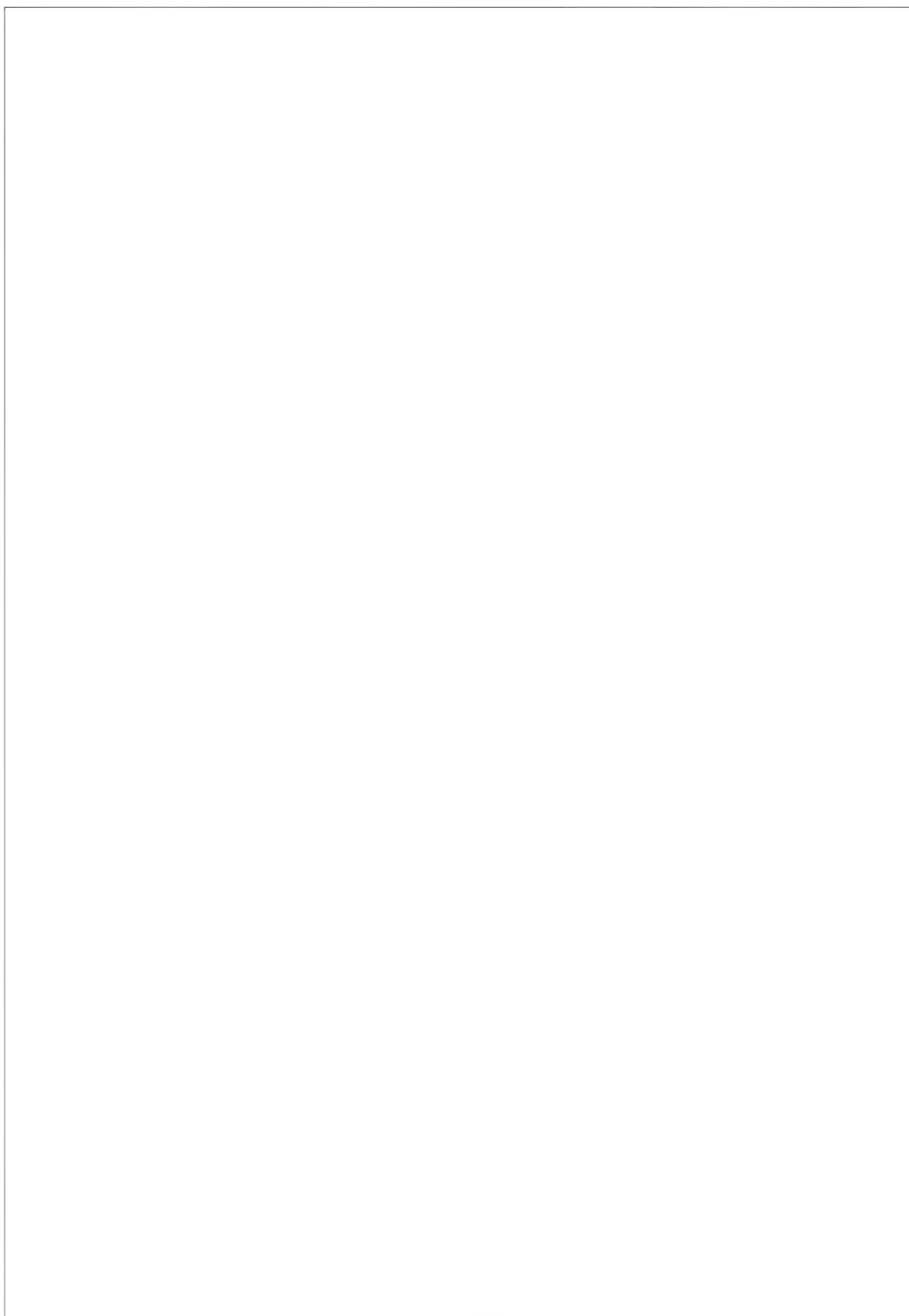
7. Cyprus

As the Greek and Turkish leaders prepare to meet this weekend, there are signs that Athens may be trying hard for settlement of the Cyprus problem. This might well involve important concessions to the Turks thoroughly unacceptable to Archbishop Makarios. Present leaders in Greece, however, are not above trying to impose a settlement on Cyprus by military force, if necessary. This, of course, could easily lead to considerable turmoil on the island.

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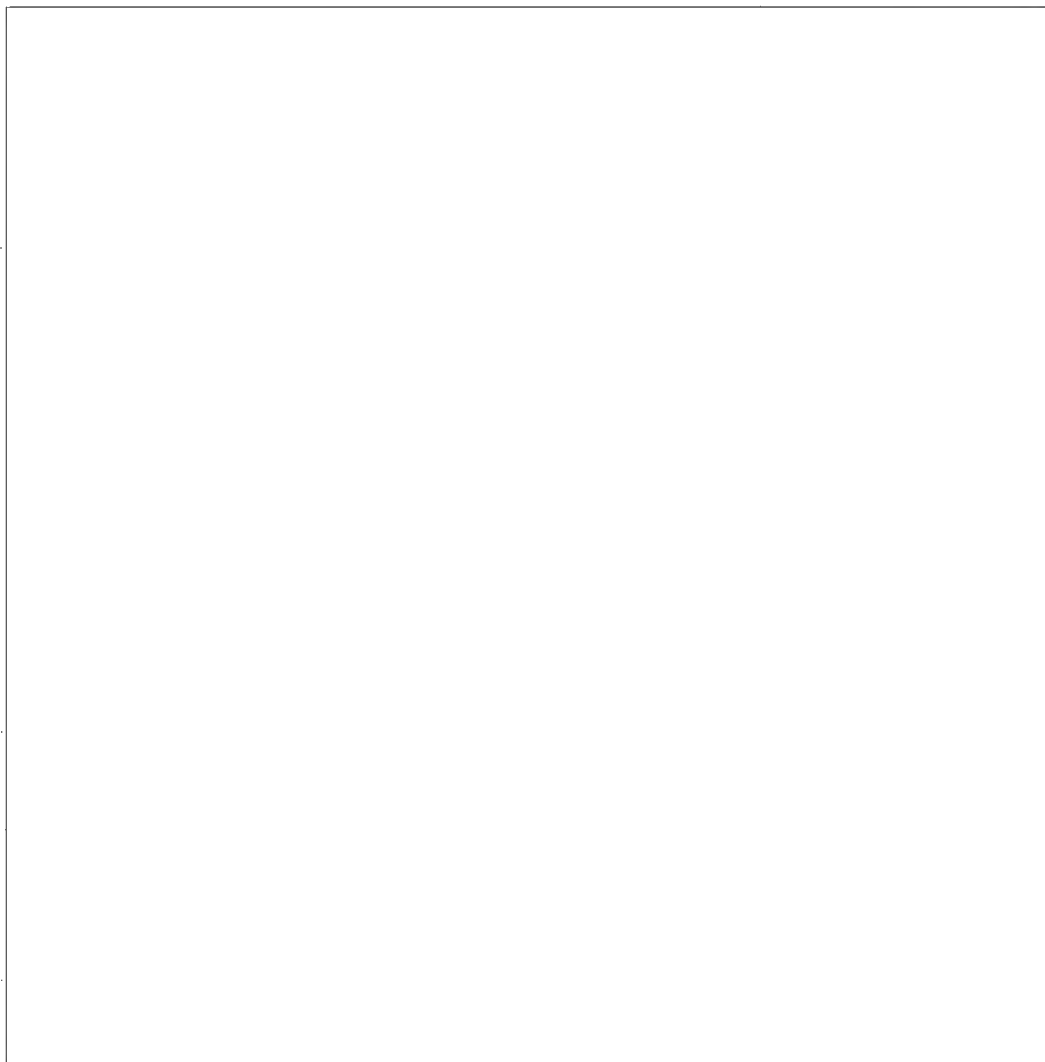


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